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Appl. No. : 10/698,087 Confirmation No.: 1016
Applicant : Robert S. Howland
Filing Date : October 31, 2003
Title : Multi Selective Axis Spinal Fixation System
Group Art Unit : 3733
Examiner : Eduardo C. Robert
Docket No. : 703716.4001
Customer No. : 34313

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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AMENDMENT & RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 12, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.